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FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 1871 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
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USCINCEUR USDOCOSOUTH DIA WASHDC 27 JULY 1974. QUOTE:

C O N F I D A N T I A L NICOSIA 1871

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KYRENIA STATUS

1. EMB OFFICER VISITED KYRENIA JULY 27. TOWN LARGELY INTACT,
ALTHOUGH THERE MUCH EVIDENCE HEAVY STREET FIGHTING. CASTLE
AREA, IN PARTICULAR, HEAVILY SHELLED. TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS
TOLDHTM THERE STILL SOME 2,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS IN TOWN, 600
AT DOME HOTEL UNDER UNFICYP PROTECTION. THOSE AT DOME
INCLUDES SEVERAL AMERICANS OF GREEK/GREEK CYPRIOT ORIGIN (W/W'S
REPORTED SEPTTEL). MAINLAND COLONEL COMMANDING KYRENIA REFUSED
ALLOW EMBASSY OFFICER REMOVE AMCITS TO NICOSIA. SAID THEIR CASES
"BEING PROCESSED." ALL APPEAR WELL, BUT SOMEWHAT HYSTERICAL.

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2. TURKS ALREADY HAVE SET UP CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IN KYRENIA. DISTRICT OFFICER, ASST. D.O. POLICE CHIEF, AND CUSTOMS DIRECTOR IN PLACE. (DISTRICT OFFICER IS GOOD CHOICE--AHMET SAMI, PRE-1963 FAMAGUSTA D.O. WHO IS RESPECTED BY BOTH COMMUNITIES). EFFORTS BEING MADE CONTROL LOOTING. WE OBSERVED TWO TURK SOLDIERS UNDER ARREST FOR THIS AT POLICE STATION. STILL, MOST SHOP WINDOWS SMASHED.

3. LARGE QUANTITY MILITARY EQUIPMENT SIGHTED ESPECIALLY IN BOGAZY (ON SOUTHERN SLOPE KYRENIA RANGE). COUNTED MINIMUM 30 RPT 30 M-47 TANKS AND EQUAL NUMBER APC'S. ALL APPEARED OPERATIONAL WITH CREWS CLOSE BY. (DETAILS BEING REPORTED DATT CHANNEL) NO RPT NO EQUIPMENT BEING UNLOADED DURING VISIT, BUT RETIRED FSO, LIVING IN KYRENIA, TOLD US TANKER BROUGHT IN PETROL SUPPLIES DURING MORNING.

4. TURK CONTINGENT COMMANDER KATIRCIOGLU APPEARED IN PORT DURING VISIT. HE OBSERVED GIVING ORDERS TO BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN TOWN. SUSPECT HE STILL PLAYS LEADING ROLE IN TURK MILITARY HIERARCHY HERE.

5. COMMENT: GENERAL IMPRESSION FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH TURK AND TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS ENCOUNTERED IS THAT THEY ARE IN KYRENIA TO STAY. HASTY EFFORT ESTABLISH CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION IS BUT ONE INDICATION THIS INTENT.
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